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held as to the manner and character of divine revelation. The Remarks close with a most earnest appeal to ministers and theological students to place themselves in a position to understand and assist in settling these vital questions. In addition to these "Preliminary Remarks," the reviews of the books mentioned in the title, there is a most valuable chapter on the "The Worship in High-Places," in the course of which it is sought to prove that there was but one Sanctuary prior to Samuel. "There is not from Joshua to Samuel a recorded instance of sacrifice elsewhere than at Shiloh which is not explicitly declared to have been offered either in the presence of the Ark, or in connection with an immediate manifestation of the presence of Jehovah or of the Angel of Jehovah. And no sacrifice was offered by any one not a descendant of Aaron, except when Jehovah or the Angel of Jehovah had appeared to him. The only exceptions are expressly characterized as open and flagrant transgressions of known law." It will be seen how important a statement this is, especially in view of the fact that upon this point critics found their chief argument against the antiquity of the Levitical law. Whether Dr. Green succeeds in establishing this statement, is a question, on which of course a difference of opinion exists; this, however, is certain, that if Dr. Green has not established it, there is no one who need undertake to do so. His defense of this position is the most able and the most convincing of any that has yet been made. It must be confessed that there are difficulties on both sides of this question, for some of which no solution seems possible. It is however such work as has been done in the volume before us that will eventually clear up these matters. Let us thank God that there are such scholars as Professor Green, and let us pray that his life may long be spared to carry on the work for which he is so eminently adapted, in which he has already accomplished so large results.

CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY.*

"The aim of this work, which is intended as the first of a series, is to aid ministers and theological students in keeping themselves abreast of the thinking and investigations of our times in the various departments of theology. It is proposed to give an annual digest of the most important contributions in exegetical, historical, systematic and practical theology, in a popular yet accurate way." The authors thus indicate their purpose, and a worthy purpose it is. Why such a thing has not been undertaken before is the question that at once suggests itself. That part of the work performed by Professor Curtiss, is, of course, of most interest to us. After a brief introduction in which he speaks of the "Present State of Old Testament Studies," he takes up the matter in hand. Chapter I. presents the "Relations of Science to the Biblical Record," under which comes up for consideration (1) Scientific Theories respecting the Origin of the World, of Man, and of Human Speech; (2) Ancient Traditions which illustrate the opening chapters of Genesis; (3) Chronology; (4) Relation of Ancient Peoples of Civilization to the Origin of the Hebrew Nation; (5) Geographical Research. Chapter II. deals with

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the "Critical Pre-requisites for Old Testament Exegesis." Chapters III., IV., and V. deal with Old Testament Introduction, presenting briefly the latest views propounded concerning each book. Chapter VI. takes up "The Old Testament Canon," and Chapter VII., "The Old Testament Text." Of necessity the matter is only a sketch of the ground which it covers, the entire space occupied by the department of the Old Testament being 80 pp. It ought to be said (1) that this is the latest and freshest presentation of these subjects; (2) that no one is more able than Dr. Curtiss to do such a work well; (3) that the work, as a whole, fills a place in theological literature never before filled; and (4) that such an undertaking as this ought to receive the support and patronage of every man or woman interested in Biblical or Theological Study.

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